

At the Academy

"The Thief," which Charles Frohman will bring to this city for the first time at the Academy of Music next Friday night, is from the pen of Henri Bernstein, one of the most ingenious and successful of contemporary playwrights. Mr. Bernstein is already known for several plays similar in construction, very similar in ingenuity and composition to "The Thief," but it is probable that for many years to come he will be known in this country as he still is in France as the author of "The Thief" despite his more recent plays.

"The Thief" is in three acts, observes all the unities of time, place, and incident. The action takes place within twenty-four hours, first



MISS EFFIE SHANNON.

produced at the Renaissance theatre in Paris in December 1907. "The Thief" made an immediate sensation. It ran through the entire season with M. Guitry and Mme. Le Papey in the chief roles. About the fables, the cunning, the ambition, the love as deep as human nature and as wide as human frailty, of a woman "The Thief" is a woman's play. But side by side with the great lesson it contains for every wife it contains rich food for thought for every husband.

The company which will perform "The Thief" in Newport News is sufficiently well known not to need detailed introduction. Every performer in "The Thief" is generally recognized as an actor or actress of strength, of emotion and sure dramatic appeal, among them being Charles Dalton, Herbert Kelsey and Miss Effie Shannon.

The story runs as follows:

The Voysins, husband and wife, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Legardes at their country home. The Legardes have a son, Fernand, who is smitten with Mrs. Voysin, and writes her the most ardent love letters. Mrs. Voysin, who is young and charming, and who loves her husband with an unswerving devotion, treats the young

man's amatory attitude lightly, as a sort of romantic flutter that will soon pass away. She is good-natured and good-humored towards him, but his attentions have made no other impression on her than that they are the outbreak of a silly sentimentality on his part. He writes her love letters which he places beneath the pillow of the bed in her boudoir, and leaves them around in other places where he knows she will find them. This letter, written lends him into a serious difficulty on which he has not at all reckoned. For Mrs. Legardes has had some money stolen from her bureau drawer and as a detective named Zambelli, who is in the house investigating as a friend of Mr. Legardes, has seen Fernand quietly creeping up the stairs to the bedroom, and has also seen him take something from the drawer in question, he openly accuses him of being the thief. It is known that Fernand has had an affair with a pretty actress to whom he has made two visits, and it looks as if he has stolen the money to meet the financial requirements of the case. The Legardes are astonished at the revelation. They refuse to believe the detective. He unfolds bit by bit, however, his evidence and the father at last is convinced. He sends for his son, Fernand has gone into the grounds to recover the letters he wrote to Mrs. Voysin, she having told him where he would find them, unopened and unrecd. Mrs. Voysin volunteers to go after him when the father demands his presence. She returns in a moment with him. To the amazement of everybody but the detective, the boy Fernand confesses his guilt. His father, furious at the young man's disgrace, decides to send him away to a distant country where he can earn and repay the stolen money. Of course, Fernand is not the thief. The discovery of the footprints and the boy's exclamation came later on. Meanwhile preparations for Fernand's banishment proceed. Mrs. Voysin's niece, kindly talk, in which she told him how futile his passion for her was as she loved her husband too dearly to care for anyone else, has not had the effect of quenching, or in any way subduing his love for her. The relations between husband and wife become painfully strained, and continue so until the moment set for Fernand's departure. Here disclosures are made that put an astonishing but satisfactory complexion upon all the circumstances, and the dramatist is permitted to carry his story to a happy conclusion.

Seats go on sale Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Vaudeville and Pictures.

Beginning tomorrow night a new vaudeville and moving picture show will be inaugurated at the Academy of Music and Manager Booker promises the best show of its kind for the money ever attempted in this section. For the opening night as well as the two succeeding night three vaudeville acts have been secured. These are said to be exceptionally good acts of their kind. In addition, four motion pictures will be shown.

The vaudeville acts include Corbett and Forrester, in a comedy sketch, entitled, "The Lawyer and His Client." This team comes here highly recommended and the sketch is said to be an unusually funny one. Ted Primrose, a black face comedian and singer, will sing some old timecoon songs and the latest in ragtime. The third act on the bill is Billy Duran, a Chinese musical comedian. Duett plays on a dozen or more Chinese instruments and is said to be quite a master in his art.

The moving pictures for tomorrow night are, "Caught With the Goods," "How Maizie Found a Husband," "Heart of a Gypsy Maid," and "Result



CHARLES DALTON.

of Having Horse Flesh." Manager Booker announces that the vaudeville acts will be changed twice weekly, new bills being presented every Monday and Thursday nights. Two complete sets of hand-colored pictures will be shown each night, the pictures being changed daily.

Four performances will be given daily at 7:30 p. m., 7:50 p. m., 8:30 p. m., and 9:30 p. m. The matinee will be given especially for ladies, half prices prevailing. Smith's orchestra will furnish the music at every performance.

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NERVES OF LEARNED PEOPLE.

May Be Calmed by Silence, Solitude and Sleep, Says One Writer.

In an article on "Nerves," published in Harper's Bazaar, the story is told of one of our noted scientists who went to Dresden to consult the famous specialist for broken-down nerves. On hearing his symptoms the great physician said, indifferently:

"Ach, so? It is probable that you have—yes, all the symptoms denoted by neurasthenia, naturally." The remedy suggested was: "Play golf and go to Egypt. You can get Munich beer in Cairo, though it is disgusting, it is expensive there."

Silence, solitude and sleep are the sovereign remedies suggested for jacked nerves. Slight daily doses of the three "S's," it is claimed, will prevent a nervous breakdown, and may be obtained by even the most busy people. But all the learned have neurasthenia? Is it at once a warning and a consolation to the brain worker? To "drive the machine" with skill and care is the problem of the successful American.

The writer of this article urges that we ought to thank God that we belong to the most nervous nations, all pervading race the world has seen since the days of Julius Caesar. It is our "nerves" that make us what we are.

MAIN THING IS TO KEEP COOL.

Advice for Those Who May Lose Their Way in the Woods.

Let the man who is lost in the woods be very careful not to over-exert himself. His chief dangers lie in panic and over-exertion, and though he may be in a great hurry to find shelter, he must wait him to go slowly. Two miles an hour, on an average, through the snow in the woods, is all that a man in his condition will be able to stand without overheating and its attendant dangers, over-heating and perspiration. By exercising caution, a man may live through a week of what he is under-going. To make this article brief, we shall suppose that he reaches the road by the afternoon of the first day. He doesn't yet know, of course, just where he is. He should examine the tracks of the person who last passed that way. If being alone, he must follow the direction taken by the last passing vehicle or team, as shelter will be nearest in that direction. Had it been morning he would have taken the opposite direction, as whoever made the tracks must have come from the place where he obtained shelter the previous night.—Outing Magazine.

Commerce.

If commerce hath wrought wonders till wonders never cease, not least among them is that in virtue of which we fatten bulls with wheat that falls—the nice distinction of meum and tuum whereby misfortunes are rendered into assets—thy misfortunes into my assets.

A thousand years ago you might get it in the neck, and that would be about all—you would perhaps be the wiser, but no man would be any the richer. Now, however, the sun can not burn up a Hindu's rice, or the hail pound a Russian's corn into the ground, without somebody's prosperity being boosted. And that is because, in spite of poets and other kickers, commerce has steadily come on.

Truth Versus Politeness.

Ethel was going to take supper with a little friend. "Now, dear," said her mother, "when you are leaving, you must bid Marian's mamma good night, and tell her you have had a very pleasant time."

When the little girl returned, her mother asked if she had done as she told her.

"Not exactly, mamma," was the reply. "Marian took the biggest piece of the apple and spilled lemonade on my new dress, so I couldn't say what you told me, but I told her mother good night, and I said I guessed Marian had had a very pleasant time."—Judge.

Natural Question.

Little Margaret went with her mother to the dock to see her aunt set sail on the big ocean steamer. Margaret had never seen the big steamer before and she watched everything with great interest. The monster of a boat slipped slowly away from the dock and Margaret waved her hand frantically with the rest. Then she looked up at her mother solemnly.

"Mamma," she questioned, "does the water follow that ship all the way over to England?"

Delicate Way of Putting It.

"I met a relative of Bill Jones the other day, and he told me Bill had come into business where he was making money so fast that he had to give it up and go into seclusion for a while."

"So he did?"

"Is he at a sanitarium for his health?"

"No, he's in the penitentiary for counterfeiting."

Room for Sophie.

Sophie, the maid, was cross, and little Richmond did not like her. In his prayers the other night he said: "God bless papa and mamma and Harold and Willie and Helen." "But you haven't said: 'God bless Sophie,'" reminded his mother. "Oh, well," Richmond said resignedly, "let her go in with the bunch!"—Bohemian Magazine.

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